# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:11
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
ROTTING OF RICE IN F.C.I. GODOWNS .
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the

(b) news-item captioned `21000 tonnes of rice rot in one FCI

(c) godown` and `Rice was not rotting, say godown officials`

(d) appearing in the Indian Express and

(e) Newsline dated 15th and 16th December, 1999 respectively;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)
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(a),(b) & (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b) & (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 11 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 24-2-2000.
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) About 21,000 MT of `D` Category rice has been lying in the Loni

(c) Depot of the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) since 1991-92

(d) which could not be liquidated due to its poor quality at the

(e) time of receipt from Punjab and labour problem at the Depot.

(f) The stocks have been downgraded to `D` Category due to

(g) prolonged storage inspite of adoption of all possible

(h) preservation measures by the CWC.

(c ) The matter about the accumulation and non disposal of such huge quantity of rice stock by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been investigated by a senior officer of the Department of Public Distribution. Instructions have been issued for fixing the responsibility against the officers in FCI who have been found guilty and also for early disposal of stocks.